Proviso: schools maintaining nine months' term. Number of

pupils.

Repealing clause.

and twenty-three be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the period at the end of the section after "pupils" and inserting a colon, and adding immediately thereafter the following words: "Provided, however, that in schools maintaining a nine months' term, meeting all other requirements, and offering superior instruction, fewer than forty-five pupils in average daily attendance may be considered."

SEC. 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 23rd day of February, A. D. 1927.

CHAPTER 41

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE ACROSS CAPE FEAR RIVER AT WILMINGTON AND TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE ERECTION OF THE SAME.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

State Highway Commission.

Building by

Connections.
State Highway system.

Funds for bridge.

Bond issue authorized.

Amount.

Designation of bonds.

Maturity.

Amount of installments.

Interest.

Section 1. The State Highway Commission is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to build a bridge, or bridges, across the Cape Fear River and the North East River at a location to be selected by the State Highway Commission and connect the same with the street system of the City of Wilmington and the State system of highways in the most practical manner, which bridge or bridges shall be and become a part of the State Highway System.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of obtaining funds with which to build said bridge, its approaches and abutments, and acquiring the necessary land or rights therefor, the State Treasurer is hereby authorized, by and with the consent of the Governor and Council of State, to issue and sell not exceeding one million two hundred and fifty thousand (\$1,250,000) dollars bonds of the State to be designated "State of North Carolina Highway Serial Bonds" maturing in annual installments on the first day of January, beginning not later than nineteen hundred and thirty (1930) and running not longer than nineteen hundred and forty-five (1945), the amount of each annual installment to be fixed by the Governor and Council of State. The said bonds shall bear interest at a rate to be fixed by the Governor and Council of State, but not exceeding five per cent. per annum to be payable semi-annually on the first days of January and July.